



## MOAPIA Newsletter

Agency Updates, Events and Announcements, Career Connections, and more from the DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA)

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### A Message from the Director

Dear Community Members,

Despite the rain for the past few weeks, we have had an incredible month of festivities so far. Thank you for all of your support throughout May AAPI Heritage Month!

Yesterday, MOAPIA hosted "Outrageously Funny," a stand-up with two AAPI comedians, Vijai Nathan and Regie Cabico. It was a great night filled with jokes and hilarity. But more importantly we were able to learn about their experiences as AAPIs in the entertainment industry. The celebrations continue with our upcoming event, "Foodelicious," a food demonstration and discussion event on May 24, featuring three local AAPI star chefs. I hope you will join me for our final event for May. The event will be hosted at the Loft, 600 F Street NW.



I am also excited to announce that MOAPIA will launch the 2nd annual Chinatown Park Start FRESH!, a series of fun and healthy outdoor activities held in Chinatown Park. The event will continue to promote a healthier and more active lifestyle in the heart of our city. The series offers free fitness classes such as Tai Chi and Yoga and features other events like a community picnic and outdoor film screenings. And for the first time ever, MOAPIA in partnership with Arcadia Farm will have a weekly mobile food market offering fresh, local, and culturally appropriate produce for our community. For more information, please visit [www.apia.dc.gov](http://www.apia.dc.gov).

Warm Regards,

David Do  
Director, DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

# MOAPIA News

## MOAPIA launches the 2nd Annual "Chinatown Park Start FRESH!"

**DC MAYOR'S OFFICE ON ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER AFFAIRS (MOAPIA)**  
**WELCOMES YOU TO**



**CHINATOWN PARK**  
#ChinatownParkDC



**WEEKLY TAI CHI CLASS**  
THURSDAYS, 8 AM (MAY - SEP)

**WEEKLY YOGA CLASS**  
MONDAYS, 6:30 PM (JUNE - JULY)

**COMMUNITY PICNIC**  
SAT, JUNE 25, 11 AM - 2 PM

**ASIAN MOVIE NIGHTS**  
OUTDOOR MOVIE SCREENINGS

- JUNE 16: KOREAN MOVIE
- JULY 13: INDIAN MOVIE
- AUGUST 17: JAPANESE MOVIE
- SEPTEMBER 14: CHINESE MOVIE

MOVIE/TIME: TO BE ANNOUNCED

All events will be held in Chinatown Park. In case of inclement weather, cancellations will be posted on MOAPIA's social media: [Twitter](#) [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) @dcmoapia

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1882 Foundation, AARP, ANC 2C, ANC 6E, DowntownDC BID, Chinatown Community Cultural Center, Chinese Community Church, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, Chinese Youth Club, Japan America Society of Washington DC, Korean Cultural Center, Mt Vernon Triangle CID, National Park Service, Penn Quarter Neighborhood Association

For more information, contact MOAPIA via email ([oapia@dc.gov](mailto:oapia@dc.gov)) or call (202)-727-3120.

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA), in partnership with the DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and National Park Service (NPS), launched the 2nd Annual *Chinatown Park Start FRESH!* summer event series on May 12, 2016, to continue promoting Mayor Bowser's FitDC health and wellness initiative and to encourage Chinatown residents to pursue healthier lifestyle choices. The series offers free fitness classes such as Tai

Chi and Yoga and features other events like community picnic and outdoor film screenings.

All events are free and open to the public. Chinatown Park is located on the corner of Massachusetts Ave and I St NW between 5th and 6th St NW.

For more information, visit [apia.dc.gov](http://apia.dc.gov)

**\*Please note that dates and times are subject to change. Follow us on our social media ([Twitter](#)/ [Facebook](#)/ [Instagram](#)) for updates.**



Chinatown residents doing Tai chi in Chinatown Park on May 12, 2016.

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## MOAPIA Outreach Team in the Community





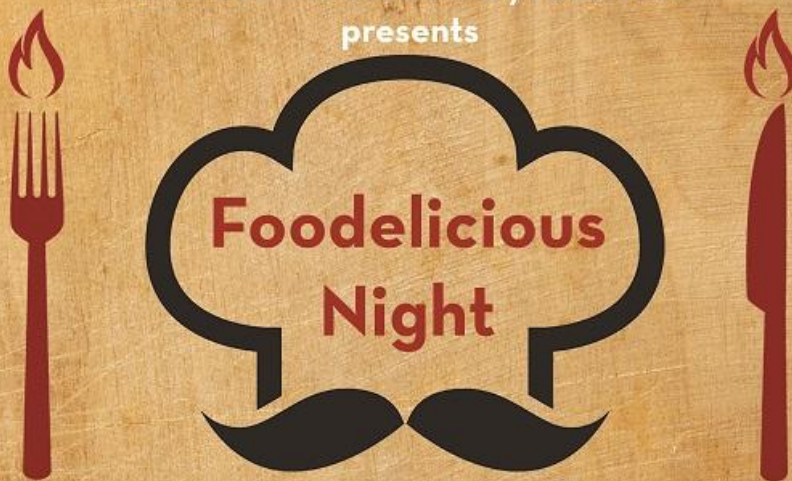
MOAPIA outreach team is always out in the community to inform AAPI residents and small business owners of various government programs and services and get feedback from them. In the photos above, MOAPIA outreach team is educating business owners about the Wage Theft Prevention Act for [DOES](#), conducting a survey on language preference for [DCRA](#), and sharing safety tips provided by [MPD](#) officers.

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## 5/24 - Foodelicious Night

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA),  
in partnership with the DC Commission on Arts and Humanities,  
the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center, and  
American Chinese Culinary Federation

presents



Come out and enjoy a night filled with exciting cooking demonstrations and  
a panel discussion from three of DC's own famous chefs:

**Peter Chang** from **Peter Chang's China Cafe**

**Sengaroun Luangrath** from **Thip Khao**

**Patrice Cleary** from **Purple Patch**

Chang is **a semifinalist for the 2016 James Beard Award** for the Best  
Chef in the Mid-Atlantic Region and Thip Khao was nominated in 2015 as  
one of **Bon Appetit's 50 Best New Restaurants in America**.

Purple Patch is one of the **first American Filipino restaurants in D.C.**

**Tuesday ♦ May 24 ♦ 6:30- 8 PM ♦ The Loft**

**600 F Street NW, Washington DC 20004 (Metro: Gallery Pl-Chinatown)**

**Admission is free. RSVP required: <https://goo.gl/oCdJw0>**



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For reasonable accommodations for a disability, please call (202) 727-3120 seven days in advance.

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This event is currently **SOLD OUT**. Follow us on [twitter](#) for updates!

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**Free Tai Chi Classes Continue through May!**



DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs  
**Out of Many Cultures, One Community**

# TAI CHI CLASS

**FREE AND OPEN TO PUBLIC**  
(NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED)

**Kennedy Recreation Center**  
1401 7th St NW, Washington, DC 20001



Community members doing Tai Chi at Shaw Community Day event in November 2015.

**April & May 2016  
Class Schedule**

**Every Wednesday  
11 AM - 12 PM**



## What is Tai Chi?

Tai Chi is a Chinese martial arts form that offers fun and gentle exercise for the body and mind. It's an enjoyable way to improve mobility, balance and overall well-being.



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## Events and Announcements

### 5/26 - Voter Registration and Education



**REGISTER  
TO VOTE!**



**Thursday, May 26, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm**

Asian Service Center  
417 G PI NW, Washington DC, 20001

MOAPIA, in partnership with DC Board of Elections, will hold a voter registration and education event at Asian Service Center on May 26, at 11:30 am. The event will include absentee voting

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## Private Security Camera Incentive Program



The Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants (OVSJG) wants residents to improve public safety by participating in the Private Security Camera Incentive Program. This program encourages residents, businesses, nonprofits, and religious institutions to purchase and install security cameras.

The program provides a rebate of up to \$200 per camera, with a maximum rebate of up to \$500 per residential address and \$750 for all other addresses.

Information about the program and the application can be found at [www.ovsjg.dc.gov](http://www.ovsjg.dc.gov). For additional information, contact the Program at [security.cameras@dc.gov](mailto:security.cameras@dc.gov) (202) 727-5124.

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## 6/11 - The 8th Annual DC Housing Expo and Home Show



**EIGHTH ANNUAL**  
**DC HOUSING EXPO**  
**AND HOME SHOW**

**Saturday, June 11, 2016**  
**10am – 3pm**  
**Walter E. Washington Convention Center**

For more information call  
(202) 442-7200 or visit  
[2016expo.eventbrite.com](http://2016expo.eventbrite.com) to register



**JUNE HOUSING BLOOM**

Home Purchasing Assistance	Tenant and Landlord Resources	Affordable Housing Showcase	Aging in Place Planning
Small Business Strategies	Remodeling and Repair Demos	Design and Decorating Tips	Youth Financial Literacy Training

**THIS FREE EVENT FEATURES:**

- ★ Over 150 Exhibitors
- ★ Over 20 Workshops
- Prizes and Giveaways
- Free Credit Reports
- Access to Affordable Rentals
- Credit and Foreclosure Counseling



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Washington English Center hosts Community Services Fairs every term to connect their adult immigrant students with organizations in the community that provide services of interest to our student body. The fairs take place during regular class hours so that it is easy for students to attend and learn about these services. Washington English Center typically has about 150 students in attendance, about 70% of which are from Spanish-speaking countries and the other 30% are from all over the world.

**Thursday, May 19, 7 pm - 8 pm**

Washington English Center  
2200 California Street NW

RSVP: click [here](#) and complete the registration form.

## Employment Opportunities

**Want to join MOAPIA's team?**



MOAPIA has two job openings: **Community Outreach Assistant** and a **Program Coordinator**. If you love meeting community members and want a career in public service, join our team! Must be bilingual in Mandarin, Vietnamese, Korean, or Cantonese.

To apply for the Community Outreach Assistant position, click [here](#).

To apply for the Program Coordinator position, click [here](#).

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